Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended)

A method, comprising:

entering user information into a processor controlling a dispensing cabinet having a plurality of shelves;

choosing a locate mode;

creating a list containing at least one item to be located; and

said processor controlling a numeric display on at least one of said plurality of shelves within the cabinet, wherein said display indicates the number of different variety of items on the list held by the corresponding shelf.

Claim 2 (previously presented)

The method of claim 1 additionally comprising entering patient information.

Claim 3 (previously presented)

The method of claim 24 additionally comprising opening one of the unlocked doors, selecting a compartment, entering the number of items taken, and closing the opened door.

Claim 4 (previously presented)

The method of claim 1 wherein said choosing a locate mode includes choosing from among a dispense, locate, return or restock mode.

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Claim 5 (previously presented)

The method of claim 1 wherein said creating a list containing at least one item to be located includes one of picking an item from a pick list, inputting identifying information with a keypad, or barcode scanning.

Claim 6 (currently amended)

A method, comprising:

entering user information into a processor controlling a dispensing cabinet having a plurality of shelves;

said processor unlocking certain doors of the dispensing cabinet in response to said user information;

entering patient information into the processor;

choosing a locate mode;

creating a list containing at least one item to be located;

said processor controlling a numeric display on at least one of said plurality of shelves within the cabinet, wherein said display flashes the number of different variety of items on the list held by the corresponding shelf;

opening an unlocked door behind which there is a shelf with a flashing display;

selecting a compartment in said shelf with said flashing display; and

zeroing the flashing display in response to the selection of said compartment.

Claim 7 (previously presented)

The method of claim 6 wherein said choosing a locate mode includes choosing from among a dispense, locate, return or stock mode.

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Claim 8 (previously presented)

The method of claim 6 wherein said creating a list containing at least one item to be located includes one of picking an item from a pick list, inputting identifying information with a keypad, or barcode scanning.

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Claim 24 (previously presented)

The method of claim 1, further comprising said processor unlocking certain doors of the dispensing cabinet in response to said user information.

Claim 25 (previously presented)

The method of claim 24, further comprising:

logging off; and

locking the unlocked doors.

Claim 26 (previously presented)

The method of claim 6, further comprising:

identifying the number of items taken from the selected compartment;

displaying the number of items taken on the display;

closing the opened door;

logging off; and

locking the unlocked doors.

Claim 27 (currently amended)

An item dispenser comprising:

a cabinet comprising:

a plurality of shelves, each of said shelves configured to hold a plurality of items, and

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a numeric display on each of said plurality of shelves; and

a processor in electrical communication with said cabinet and controlling an operation thereof, wherein said processor is configured to locate items in said cabinet and to control each said display such that the display indicates the corresponding number of different variety of items to be located that are held by the respective shelf.

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